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July 16, 2019

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Michael O'Rielly, Brendan Carr, Jessica Rosenworcel, Geoffrey Starks
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

I write to recommend Sreekala Bajwa to sit on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Task Force for Reviewing Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States.

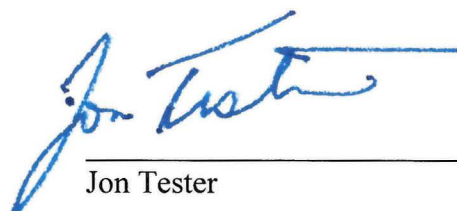
I applaud the FCC for quickly implementing the 2018 Farm Bill and working to expand access to rural high-speed internet so that folks can make use of the latest technology on their farms and ranches. Precision agriculture is the forefront of farm innovation, and making investments in this technology is vital to the future of the agricultural industry.

It is my understanding that the Commission is looking to recruit individuals from a variety of backgrounds. I encourage you to consider the university extension perspective. Institutions like Montana State University (MSU) have the technical capacity to implement the FCC's recommendations and strategy, making their input invaluable.

Sreekala is a renowned precision farming engineer, and current Vice President of Agriculture at MSU. She was previously the Chair of North Dakota State University's Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering. At MSU, Sreekala is prioritizing research on the intersection of technology and engineering to improve smart agriculture. She understands the potential that data-driven farm management holds in increasing the resilience of agricultural food systems. Her expertise and insight into precision agriculture makes her an ideal candidate.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this nomination further. It is without hesitation that I recommend Sreekala Bajwa to join the FCC's Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

July 18, 2019

The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
311 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Ms. Sreekala Bajwa, Vice President of Agriculture at Montana State University, to serve on the Commission's Task Force for Reviewing Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States. We will certainly consider your recommendation and Ms. Bajwa's impressive resume as the Commission reviews the nominations for the Precision Ag Task Force and its working groups.

I appreciate you taking the time to communicate your recommendation to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ajit" being the most prominent part.

Ajit V. Pai